

Happy Springtime, to all Brooklands Members and their Families,

I am delighted that we can start the season, by sharing for the first time, our new Brooklands Members Driving Group logo, as illustrated above.

This takes full advantage of the new Brooklands Museum branding, and I hope you will agree that this is a modern and fresh design, whilst embodying the classic look and feel of Brooklands past - and won't it look good as a car sticker!

Most importantly it also serves as a reminder to us all, that the Driving Group is of course a generous supporter of Brooklands and for that, the museum is very grateful.



For those who may not be familiar with the Brooklands Members Driving Group, (which I will now refer to as BM Driving Group or BMDG to save my poor fingers!), it was founded about 15 years ago. Its aim was to provide additional events for the then Brooklands *Trust* Members (as Brooklands Members were previously known) and to generate charitable donations and income for the museum, by connecting like-minded Brooklands supporters to have some fun and spend time with often some wonderful classic cars and always a great group of people.

However, whilst known as a BM Driving Group, there are many types of events that we have run over the years.

Most of these are organised by our own team of BMDG volunteers and exclusive to our members and their families. These include.

- Day Touring Assemblies for all types of around 35 vehicles gathering for breakfast and then driving around the Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, countryside following a roadbook, visiting interesting places and ending up with our own car show and afternoon tea at a choice location.
- Touring Weekends in the UK like the Day Touring Assembly but based usually at a country hotel from Friday to Monday with organised tours on the Saturday and Sunday sightseeing other lovely counties.
- Exclusive and shared Touring Weekends in Europe usually attending a notable and recognised motoring festival.

- Exclusive and shared Track days at UK racing circuits driving our own cars in the wheel tracks of our childhood heroes!
- Coach tours to museums, vehicle manufactures, or places of special interest etc.
- A Christmas Luncheon a deliciously light-hearted, festive gathering with way too many noisy balloon rockets!

And Our signature event

• The Members Annual Dinner – a black tie event at the museum with the Brooklands Members President, Damon Hill OBE

For many of the European excursions, we partner with other organisations who specialise in these types of trips, and they also help us design and run our own itineraries, if we want something a bit different.



As an avid participator at many of these events, I am delighted to have the honour of recently taking on the coordination of the BMDG team. This is not a large team of people. However, we are committed to continuing to arrange and run these events. We will also get a better understanding of our members expectations and ideas for the future. Then, as we expand our team, we can enhance our offering, and provide more opportunities for you, your family, and your friends, to have fun, whilst supporting our favourite museum. The sooner we grow the team, the more numerous and varied the events.

You will see below, we already have many trips in the pipeline, for which there are further details below and links to tickets and registration.

These events only run when we have enough people to organise them and enough people to sign up for them. We need to at least break even, and hopefully make enough margin for a donation to the museum. It is only with your support that this is possible and can continue, so many thanks for your previous donations and in advance for your ongoing contributions. I look forward to seeing you on one of our trips soon.

If you have any suggestions, or unanswered questions from this, or from any of the event flyers, or if you want to enquire about joining our BMDG organising team, do please feel free to contact me directly on the email below.

Kindest regards and safe motoring

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BMGD ITINERARY 2023

APRIL 2023

Friday April 28th to Monday May 1st

BMDG Exclusive Classic Tours of Wales - Llanerchindda Farm – Carmarthenshire An ever-popular weekend romp around wonderful Welsh lanes, visiting historical landmarks, spectacular views and only a short drive from Jeremey Clarkson's favourite UK road. All made even more glorious by the fabulous farmhouse cooking and hospitality from the Hadley Family who own the farm. BMDG usually have two trips a year to this establishment, such is the quality of the whole weekend. For full details please see the flyer attached and follow the links below to book your places

- Nearly full Only 1 Single room and 1 family room still available
- <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brooklands-members-driving-group-llanerchindda-farm-tour-weekend-tickets-516000380027</u>

JUNE 2023

Thursday 8th June to Monday 12th June

BMDG Exclusive Dutch Lakes Tour – Designed in collaboration with **Scenic Car Tours**, this 4night, 5-day trip is based in Loosdrecht on the outskirts of Amsterdam and takes in an overnight ferry from Harwich, some gentle drives around the Dutch lakes in the region and a visit to the world renowned Louwmann Motor Museum. For full details please see the flyer attached and follow the links below to book your places

- Booking closing soon last few rooms remaining
- <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brooklands-members-driving-group-dutch-lakes-tour-tickets-535937723157</u>

Saturday 24th June

BMGD Exclusive 4G Touring Assembly – GeeGees, Gliders and Gardens. Starting with breakfast overlooking the famous Sandown Racecourse, we will meander across the southern counties, taking in the Lasham Heritage Glider Centre, West Green Gardens, and finish with afternoon tea at Ramster. For full details please see the flyer attached and follow the links below to book your places.

- Limited to 40 cars register soon to avoid disappointment.
- <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brooklands-members-driving-group-4g-tour-tickets-588386609187</u>

SEPTEMBER 2023

Wednesday 13th September to Monday 18th September

Isle of Man Festival of Motoring – Designed in collaboration with **Scenic Car Tours**, join us for a 6-day, 5-night holiday with a packed itinerary, including drives on parts of the famous TT circuit and access to exclusive BMDG paddock displays. For full details please see the flyer attached and follow the links below to book your places

- Booking open and rooms selling quickly.
- <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brooklands-driving-group-isle-of-man-festival-of-motoring-2023-tickets-569858591387</u>

OCTOBER 2023

Friday 13th October to Monday 16th October

Classic Tours of Wales - Llanerchindda Farm – Carmarthenshire Our second trip of the year to this great place. For full details please see the flyer attached and follow the links below to book your places

- Booking only just opened and rooms selling quickly.
- <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brooklands-llanerchindda-farm-tour-weekend-october-</u> 2023-tickets-594552641957

NOVEMBER 2023

Annual Dinner – Date and times to be advised.

DECEMBER 2023

Christmas Luncheon – Date and times to be advised.

Weekends under consideration for 2024

April – Classic Tour of Wales May – Pau Classic Grand Prix (Pyrenees/Spain) or Vintage Revival, Montlhery (France) September – Chantilly Arts and Elegance (France) October – Classic Tour of Wales